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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: MEIER et al

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For: Method For Increasing The Wear Resistance Of A  
Work Piece

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SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Assistant Commissioner  
For Patents  
Box AF  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 18, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 - 4 and 7 - 14 without prejudice or disclaimer of  
the subject matter therein.

Please amend claim 5 to read as follows:

5. (Twice Amended) A method for increasing the wear-resistance of a  
work piece, comprising connecting the work piece to a core material that  
cannot be reshaped and which is of a greater hardness than the work-piece

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